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COMMUNICATION FROM THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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16 December 1969

The President
U.N. Trusteeship Council
United Nations Headquarters
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herein your copy of Resolutions 1-1968, 2-1968 and 37-1968,
duly adopted by the Legislature during its August 1968 session.^{1/}

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Daniel T. MUNA
Legislative Secretary

Enclosures

^{1/} Resolution 2-1968 is reproduced below. Resolutions 1-1968 and 37-1968 appear
in documents T/PET.10/49 and T/COM.10/L.14 respectively.

2ND. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

SIXTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2-1968

INTRODUCED BY HCN. DANIEL T. MUNA, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING EXTREME DISSATISFACTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, UNITED STATES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FOR THEIR REFUSAL TO ADHERE TO THE DESIRES AND WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT REGARDING THE RE-UNIFICATION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WITH THE TERRITORY OF GUAM

WHEREAS, Chapter XII, Article 76, sub-paragraph (b), of the Charter of the United Nations as it relates to the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System, obligates the United States of America, the administering authority,

"... to promote the political, economic, social, and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the trust territories, and their progressive development towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of each territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned" /emphasis added/; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands have determined almost unanimously that they strongly desire re-unification with the Territory of Guam and become a part of the United States as was evidenced by the plebiscites held in the Marianas in 1961 and in 1963, which were evidences of "the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned"; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the United Nations will only remain strong and command obedience of world Powers if it respects the clear wishes and desires of the people under their jurisdiction, and not be fooled and misled by the big nations; and

WHEREAS, the Administering Authority has managed to sell the idea that the people are doomed if allowed to determine their own destiny by not being a part of the Trust Territory; and

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WHEREAS, the record will show that when it suited the convenience of the United States of America from 1961 to 1962 when the Mariana Islands, excluding Rota, were in fact separate and distinctly apart from the remainder of the Trust Territory, the inhabitants attained a higher standard of living and progressed at a much faster pace; and

WHEREAS, there are those among officials of the United States Department of the Interior and the United States Department of State who are engaging in wishful thinking by hoping for a unified Micronesia, because we have in the past, do now, and will forever demand our inherent right to determine our own destiny; and

WHEREAS, no matter how long it takes or how long the people of the Mariana Islands are forced to wait on a plebiscite in order to register their clear intention, our feelings, desires, and aspirations will never change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 2nd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that extreme dissatisfaction be and hereby is expressed to the United Nations, the United States Congress, the President of the United States of America, the United States Department of the Interior, and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for their refusal to adhere to the desires and wishes of the people of the Mariana Islands District regarding the re-unification of the Northern Mariana Islands with the Territory of Guam; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies thereof to the United Nations, the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Chairmen of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, the President of the United States of America, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

PASSED BY THE 2ND. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AUGUST 8, 1968.

(Signed) VICENTE N. SANTOS, President

(Signed) DANIEL T. MUNA
Legislative Secretary